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SUBJECT: GRAIN SUPPLY SAHEL

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B. ROME 12461 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING FROM FAO/OSRO (ALSO SENT CANADA, GERMANY
U.K., SWEDEN, FINLAND, FRANCE, EEC/BRUSSELS AND CHINA):
ESTIMATED ABOUT 150,000 TONS FOOD SUPPLIES ARRIVED
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER IN DIFFERENT PORTS. DISTRIBUTION TO
INTERIOR CARRIED OUT WITHOUT MAJOR PROBLEMS, STOCKS IN
PORTS AVERAGE 77,000 TONS. REMARKABLE EFFORT OF
GOVERNMENT OF MALI AND REGIES DU CHEMIN DE FER SHOULD
BE POINTED OUT: 31,840 TONS REDISTRIBUTED FROM DAKAR TO
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MALI DURING MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER I.E., AVERAGE

612 TONS PER WORKING DAY. STOCKS WHICH PREVIOUSLY STOOD AT 27,000 TONS REDUCED TO 9,840 TONS ON 10 NOVEMBER. THUS, PORT OF ABIDJAN NOT USED MUCH SINCE MID-OCTOBER. OSRO DOES NOT FORESEE ANY ARRIVALS BEFORE END OF YEAR FOR ABIDJAN. BETTER BREAKDOWN BETWEEN SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST ITINERARIES WOULD PERMIT RAPID DISTRIBUTION OF 62,000 TONS EARMARKED BY MULTI DONOR MISSION IN REPORT.

2. TABLES WHICH FOLLOW INDICATE STOCKS IN PORTS AND FOOD EXPECTED AS OF 10 NOVEMBER. ATTENTION DRAWN TO FACT THAT EXPECTED ARRIVALS FOR NIGER VERY LOW AND IS NECESSARY THAT SPECIAL EFFORT BE MADE TO REACH TARGET OF 221,000 TONS (CEREALS) SUGGESTED MY MISSION. WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT PORT OF COTONOU ABLE TO REFORWARD ABOUT 400 TONS PER DAY FOR NIAMEY AND THAT PORTS OF NIGERIA WOULD ALSO BE USED FOR NIGER TRAFFIC. OSRO WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WEEKLY INFORMATION REGARDING STOCKS IN PORT AND EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN FOLLOWING SIX WEEKS. HOWEVER, INFORMATION FROM DONORS, RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS, UNDP AND WFP OFFICES IN FIELD NOT REACHING US REGULARLY. WE REQUEST THAT THIS INFORMATION BE SENT SO THAT OVERALL MONITORING SERVICE MAY BE UP-TO-DATE AS POSSIBLE.

3. STOCKS IN PORTS 10 NOVEMBER (TONS): MAURITANIA 3400 (DAKAR; NOUAKCHOTT NA), SENEGAL 67,566 (OF WHICH 39,739 RICE AND SORGHUM COMMERCIAL) MALI 14,738 (OF WHICH 9838 DAKAR, 4900 ABIDJAN); UPPER VOLTA 14,090; NIGER 2,858; CHAD 300; TOTAL 102,952. FOOD EXPECTED IN PORTS (IN MT) FROM 10 NOVEMBER TO END DECEMBER AS PER INFORMATION RECEIVED: MAURITANIA 23,641; SENEGAL 10,833; MALI 22,203; UPPER VOLTA 8000; NIGER 3,794; CHAD 20,490; TOTAL 88,961. VOLPE

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